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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
2 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
3 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
4 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
5 the aggregate one hundred million dollars.

6 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
7 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
8 Department of Public Health for deposit into the Stem Cell Research
9 Fund established pursuant to section 19a-32e of the general statutes, as
10 amended by this act, for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid
11 pursuant to said section.

12 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
13 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
15 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
16 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the

17 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
18 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
19 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
20 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
21 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
22 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
23 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
24 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
25 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
26 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
27 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
28 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
29 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
30 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
31 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
32 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
33 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
34 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
35 due.

36 Sec. 2. Section 19a-32e of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

38 (a) There is established the "Stem Cell Research Fund" which shall
39 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The fund
40 may contain any moneys required or permitted by law to be deposited
41 in the fund and any funds received from any public or private
42 contributions, gifts, grants, donations, bequests or devises to the fund.
43 The Commissioner of Public Health may make grants-in-aid from the
44 fund in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

45 (b) Not later than June 30, 2006, the Stem Cell Research Advisory
46 Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f shall develop an
47 application for grants-in-aid under this section for the purpose of
48 conducting embryonic or human adult stem cell research and may

49 receive applications from eligible institutions for such grants-in-aid on
 50 and after said date. The Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee shall
 51 require any applicant for a grant-in-aid under this section to conduct
 52 stem cell research to submit (1) a complete description of the
 53 applicant's organization, (2) the applicant's plans for stem cell research
 54 and proposed funding for such research from sources other than the
 55 state of Connecticut, and (3) proposed arrangements concerning
 56 financial benefits to the state of Connecticut as a result of any patent,
 57 royalty payment or similar rights developing from any stem cell
 58 research made possible by the awarding of such grant-in-aid. Said
 59 committee shall direct the Commissioner of Public Health with respect
 60 to the awarding of such grants-in-aid after considering
 61 recommendations from the Stem Cell Research Peer Review
 62 Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32g.

63 [(c) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and for
 64 each of the nine consecutive fiscal years thereafter, until the fiscal year
 65 ending June 30, 2015, not less than ten million dollars shall be available
 66 from the Stem Cell Research Fund for grants-in-aid to eligible
 67 institutions for the purpose of conducting embryonic or human adult
 68 stem cell research, as directed by the Stem Cell Research Advisory
 69 Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32f. Any balance of
 70 such amount not used for such grants-in-aid during a fiscal year shall
 71 be carried forward for the fiscal year next succeeding for such grants-
 72 in-aid.]

73 Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 4-28e of the general statutes is
 74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
 75 *1, 2007*):

76 (c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, disbursements from
 77 the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be made as follows: (A) To the
 78 General Fund in the amount identified as "Transfer from Tobacco
 79 Settlement Fund" in the General Fund revenue schedule adopted by
 80 the General Assembly; (B) to the Department of Mental Health and

81 Addiction Services for a grant to the regional action councils in the
82 amount of five hundred thousand dollars; and (C) to the Tobacco and
83 Health Trust Fund in an amount equal to nineteen million five
84 hundred thousand dollars.

85 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and each fiscal year
86 thereafter, disbursements from the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be
87 made as follows: (A) To the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund in an
88 amount equal to twelve million dollars; (B) to the Biomedical Research
89 Trust Fund in an amount equal to four million dollars; (C) to the
90 General Fund in the amount identified as "Transfer from Tobacco
91 Settlement Fund" in the General Fund revenue schedule adopted by
92 the General Assembly; and (D) any remainder to the Tobacco and
93 Health Trust Fund.

94 [(3) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30,
95 2015, inclusive, the sum of ten million dollars shall be disbursed from
96 the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Stem Cell Research Fund
97 established by section 19a-32e for grants-in-aid to eligible institutions
98 for the purpose of conducting embryonic or human adult stem cell
99 research.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	19a-32e
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	4-28e(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the same amount of funding to the stem cell research program, but allow for quicker disbursement of such funding.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]